

CHAPTER II

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(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/SE99/00086	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 JANUARY 1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 22 JANUARY 1998
TITLE OF INVENTION FROST RESISTANT HEATING/COOLING FLUID		
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- I. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:
 - a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
 - b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

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3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)):

NOTE: Section 1.495 (b) was amended to require that the basic national fee and a copy of the international application must be filed with the Office by 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment. "The International Bureau normally provides the copy of the international application to the Office in accordance with PCT Article 20. At the same time, the International Bureau notifies applicant of the communication to the Office. In accordance with PCT Rule 47.1, that notice shall be accepted by all designated offices as conclusive evidence that the communication has duly taken place. Thus, if the applicant desires to enter the national stage, the applicant normally need only check to be sure the notice from the International Bureau has been received and then pay the basic national fee by 30 months from the priority date." Notice of Jan. 7, 1993, 1147 O.G. 29 to 40, at 35-36. See item 14c below.

- a. is transmitted herewith.
- b. is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

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I. by the International Bureau.

29 July

Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/1B/308): 1999.

II. by applicant on _____ (Date).

4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)):

- a. is transmitted herewith.
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a. are transmitted herewith.

b. have been transmitted

i. by the International Bureau.

Date of mailing of the amendment (from form PCT/1B/308): _____.

ii. by applicant on _____ (Date).

c. have not been transmitted as

i. applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.

Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210.): 06 May 1999

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6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)):

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7. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409)

is transmitted herewith.

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8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report (None)

a. is/are transmitted herewith.

b. is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

9. A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report

(None)

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b. is not required as the annexes are in the English language.

10. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115

- a. was previously submitted by applicant on _____ (Date).
- b. is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration
 - i. is attached to the application.
 - ii. identifies the application and any amendments under PCT Article 19 that were transmitted as stated in points 3(b) or 3(c) and 5(b); and states that they were reviewed by the inventor as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.70.
- c. will follow.

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11. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a):

- a. is transmitted herewith. (Attached to published appln. WO 99/37733)
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 Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B).
 Copies of citations listed.
- b. will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c).
- c. was previously submitted by applicant on _____ (Date).

13. An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording.

A separate "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

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14. Additional documents:

a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
b. International Publication No. WO 99/37733

i. Specification, claims and drawing
ii. Front page only

c. Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

d. Other

PCT/IB/308; PCT/IV/332; PCT/IPEA/416

15. The above checked items are being transmitted

a. before 30 months from any claimed priority date.
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37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)–(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a)).

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Application or Patent No.:

Filed or Issued: (Filed herewith)Title: Frost resistant heating/cooling fluid.

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 the application identified above.
 the patent identified above.

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Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:
 no such person, concern, or organization exists.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the referenced application, please amend the application without prejudice as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A frost resistant heating/cooling fluid containing alkali salts of acetic acid and/or formic acid, [characterized in that it] wherein the fluid further contains a corrosion inhibitor [in the form of] consisting of a mixture selected from the group of [a] C₅-C₁₆ monocarboxylic acid; [or] alkali-salt, ammonium-salt, [or] and amino-salts of [said] C₅-C₁₆ monocarboxylic acid[,]; [a] C₅-C₁₆ dicarboxylic acid, [or] alkali-salt, ammonium-salt and [or] amino-salts of [said] C₅-C₁₆ dicarboxylic acid[,]; and [also] a triazole.

2. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein the fluid contains between 5 and 50 weight-% alkali salts of an acid selected from the group consisting of acid and[or] formic acid calculated on the weight of the fluid.

3. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to claim 1 [or 2], [characterized in that it] wherein the fluid contains between 0.4 and 10 weight-%[, preferably between 0.5 and 2 weight-%] of the corrosion inhibitor, calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

4. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to [any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it] claim 1, wherein the fluid contains between 0.02 and 3 weight-% [of] selected from the group consisting of monocarboxylic acid, [or] alkali-salt, ammonium-salt and [or] amino-salts of said acid, calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

5. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to claim 4, [characterized in that it] wherein the fluid contains between 0.02 and 3 weight-% selected from the group consisting of [the] dicarboxylic acid; [or] alkali-salt, ammonium-salt and [or] amino-salts of said acid, calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

6. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to claim 4 [and 5, characterized in that it], wherein the fluid contains between 0.02 and 2 weight-% triazole calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

7. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to [any one of any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein said monocarboxylic acid is an aliphatic C₅-C₁₆ monocarboxylic acid, [preferably] selected from the group of octanoic acid, nonanoic acid, decanoic acid, undecanoic acid [or] and dodecanoic acid[,]; 2-ethyl hexanoic acid and neodecanoic acid.

8. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to [any one or any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein said dicarboxylic acid is a C₈-C₁₂ aliphatic dicarboxylic acid selected from the group of suberic acid, azealic acid, sebamic acid, undecanoic di-acid, dodecanoic di-acid and the di- acid of di-cyclopentadienylide.

9. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to [any one or any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein said dicarboxylic acid is a C₈-C₁₂ aromatic dicarboxylic acid[, preferably terephthalic acid].

10. (Amended) A cooling fluid according to [any one or any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the triazole is selected from the group consisting of tolyoltriazole [or] and benzotriazole.

Please add the following new claims:

--11. A cooling fluid according to claim 3 wherein the fluid contains between 0.5 and 2 weight-% of the corrosion inhibitor, calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

12. A cooling fluid according to claim 9 wherein said C₈-C₁₂ aromatic dicarboxylic acid is terephthalic acid.--

R E M A R K S

The amendments presented herein are made to eliminate multiple-dependency in the claims, to correct informalities in the claims, and to place the application more in conformance with U.S. patent practice. Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested, and examination on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frost resistant heating/cooling fluid**Technical field**

10 The present invention relates to a frost resistant, aqueous heating/cooling fluid, containing alkali salts of acetic acid and/or formic acid. The heating/cooling fluid is intended for transport of cold or heat in industrial cooling plants, cooling systems in vessels and vehicles, cooling systems for skating ice in sports centres, heat exchangers, district heating systems, heat pumps, solar panels etc.

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Background of the invention

20 In aqueous heating/cooling fluids, frost resistance is usually obtained by means of an addition of ethylene glycol. Ethylene glycol is a liquid which is mixable with water to any extent, exhibits a low risk of fire and explosion, and is frost resistant and also colourless and odourless. The lowest solidifying point (-57 °C) of a glycol-water mixture is at a ethylene glycol content of 60 volume-%. However, the disadvantage with ethylene glycol is its high degree of toxicity. Thereby, it poses an environmental threat if it ends up in the sea, lakes and streams, for instance, if cooling liquid is discharged or leaks out.

25 From EP-B-0 306 972, a partially or completely glycol-free, aqueous cooling fluid is known, which contains an addition of sodium acetate and sodium formate or potassium acetate and potassium formate in certain ratios. By means of this fluid composition, a freezing temperature pf -70 °C or lower can be obtained. The fluid composition exhibits all the advantages with the conventional glycol-water mixture, at the same time as it does not exhibit its toxicity.

30 However, the above-mentioned cooling fluid contains strong ions, wherein it is very important to have a good corrosion protection. In EP-B-0 306 972, it is disclosed that benzoic acid, sodium benzoate, potassium benzoate or benzotriazole are used for corrosion

protection. These are film-forming chemicals. The formed film protects metal surfaces from corrosion attacks. In order not to risk local corrosion attacks, the film layer has to be intact across the entire metal surface. A disadvantage with the film is an impaired heat transfer between the metal surface and the cooling fluid.

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Purpose of the invention and most important features

The purpose of the present invention is to provide a corrosion protected heating/cooling fluid of the above-mentioned type, which exhibits an effective heat transfer between metal surface and fluid, at the same time as the corrosion protection is excellent. This has been achieved by means of the fluid containing a corrosion inhibitor in the form of a mixture of a C₅-C₁₆ monocarboxylic acid or alkali-, ammonium- or amino-salts of said acid, a C₅-C₁₆ dicarboxylic acid or alkali-, ammonium- or amino-salts of said acid, and also a triazole.

10 The content of alkali salts of acetic acid and/or formic acid in the heating/cooling fluid should preferably be between 5 and 50 weight-%, calculated on the total weight of the fluid.

15 The heating/cooling fluid contains between 0.4 and 10 weight-%, preferably between 0.5 and 2 weight-% of the above-mentioned corrosion inhibitor, calculated on the total weight of the alkali salts of acetic acid and/or formic acid.

Summary of the invention

20 From the above-mentioned EP-B-0 306 972, it is known that an addition of alkali salts of certain anions, mainly acetates and formates, to water results in a strong depression of freezing-point of an aqueous medium. The depression of freezing-point becomes particularly large at certain mixing ratios of the included salts.

25 The heating/cooling fluid according to the invention contains between 5 and 50 weight-% alkali salts of acetic acid and/or formic acid calculated on the weight of the fluid, primarily sodium acetate, potassium acetate, sodium formate and/or potassium formate. The included salts can be present in any mutual mixing ratio, i.e. only one of the salts or two or several salts in a mixture together. Partly depending on the total salt content, and partly on the

mixing ratio of the salts, different depressions of freezing-point of the fluid is obtained. Also other freezing-point depressing additions can be included in the fluid, e.g. urea.

The heating/cooling fluid according to the invention is a strong ionic solution, wherein the significance of an efficient corrosion protection is particularly large. EP-B-0 306 972 discloses an addition of a corrosion inhibitor in the form of benzoic acid, sodium benzoate, potassium benzoate or benzotriazole, which are film-forming chemicals which create a protective film on metal surfaces and thereby protects them from corrosion attacks. As mentioned above, the disadvantages with this type of corrosion inhibitors is partly that the film layer must be intact across the entire metal surface in order to make the corrosion protection effective and to avoid local corrosion attacks, and partly that the heat transfer between metal surface and heating/cooling fluid is impaired.

According to the invention, it has now surprisingly been found that, in addition to an excellent corrosion protection, an addition of a corrosion inhibitor in the form of a mixture of a C₅-C₁₆ monocarboxylic acid or alkali-, ammonium- or amino-salts of said acid, and also a triazole, furthermore provides an excellent heat transfer between the metal surface and the fluid.

A corrosion inhibitor of this type is disclosed in US-A-4,647,392. According to this document, the corrosion inhibitor is intended to be used in glycol-water mixtures. The use as a corrosion inhibitor in salt solutions of the type which the invention relates to, however, is not disclosed in the U.S. patent.

The amounts of the components included in the corrosion inhibitor can vary between 0.02 and 3 weight-%, calculated on the weight of the fluid, for both the monocarboxylic acid and the dicarboxylic acid or the alkali-, ammonium-, or amino-salts of said acid. The amount of triazole can vary between 0.02 and 2 weight-%, calculated on the total weight of the fluid.

The total content of the corrosion inhibitor should be between 0.4 and 10 weight-%, preferably between 0.5 and 2 weight-%, calculated on the weight of the fluid.

The corrosion inhibitor comprises a mixture of three basic components, namely a monocarboxylic acid, a dicarboxylic acid and a triazole. The monocarboxylic acid is preferably an aliphatic C₅-C₁₆ monocarboxylic acid, preferably selected from the group of octanoic acid, nonanoic acid, decanoic acid, undecanoic acid or dodecanoic acid, 2-ethyl hexanoic acid and neodecanoic acid.

The dicarboxylic acid is preferably either a C₈-C₁₂ aliphatic dicarboxylic acid selected from the group of suberic acid, azelaic acid, sebamic acid, undecanoic di-acid, dodecanoic di-acid and the di-acid of di-cyclopentadienylide or a C₈-C₁₂ aromatic dicarboxylic acid, preferably terephthalic acid.

The triazole is preferably tolyoltriazole or benzotriazole.

In comparison with using only one of the acid types, the combination of mono- and dicarboxylic acid or its salts provides a synergistic effect when the corrosion protection of metallic surfaces is concerned. The triazole is specifically used as a copper protection.

Other conventional corrosion-inhibiting components can of course also be included in the heating/cooling fluid according to the invention.

Example

In order to test the heat transfer characteristics, a system in which the liquid which is to be tested is circulating with a constant volume flow under constant pressure was used. This liquid passes a metal coupon onto which a heating device is applied. The temperature of the liquid is kept constant by means of a cooling coil. The temperature of the metal coupon is measured and recorded over time. An increase of the temperature in the metal coupon indicates a relative impairment of the heat transfer ability over the same time.

The liquids which were tested exhibited the following compositions:

INCLUDED COMPONENTS (weight-%)	Reference - Cooling fluid with conventional inhibitor	Test - Cooling fluid with inhibitor according to the invention
5	Water	49.8
	Potassium acetate	31.2
	Potassium formate	7.8
	Sodium benzoate	1.1
	Tolyoltriazole	1.7
	Borax	0.3
	Sodium meta-phosphate	1
	Sodium nitrate	1.8
	Sodium silicate	0.3
	Glycerol	5
15	Corrosion inhibitor acc. to the invention	-
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The following results were obtained for the heat transfer characteristics:

20	Test duration (h)	Reference Coupon temperature (°C)	Reference Coupon temperature (°C)
25	0	170	170
	10	181	171
	20	183	171
	30	184	171.5
	40	186	171
	45	188	171.5

As is evident from these results, the test liquid, which comprised an addition of a corrosion inhibitor according to the invention, gave a very small increase of the temperature in the

metal coupon over time, something which indicates a maintained effective heat transfer between the metal surface and the fluid. The reference, however, which contained a conventional corrosion inhibitor essentially in accordance with EP 306,972, exhibited a significant increase of the temperature in the metal coupon in the course of time and, accordingly, a relative impairment of the heat transfer ability in the same time period.

This difference is thought to be the result of the corrosion inhibitor in the reference fluid forming a film between fluid and metal surface, which impairs the heat transfer. It is presumed that such a film formation, however, does not take place when utilizing the corrosion inhibitor according to the invention.

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5 **Claims**

1. A frost resistant heating/cooling fluid containing alkali salts of acetic acid and/or formic acid,

10 characterized in that it also contains a corrosion inhibitor in the form of a mixture of a C₅-C₁₆ monocarboxylic acid or alkali-, ammonium-, or amino-salts of said acid, a C₅-C₁₆ dicarboxylic acid or alkali-, ammonium- or amino-salts of said acid, and also a triazole.

2. A cooling fluid according to claim 1,

15 characterized in that it contains between 5 and 50 weight-% alkali salts of acetic acid and/or formic acid calculated on the weight of the fluid.

3. A cooling fluid according to claim 1 or 2,

20 characterized in that it contains between 0.4 and 10 weight-%, preferably between 0.5 and 2 weight-% of the corrosion inhibitor, calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

4. A cooling fluid according to any one or any of the preceding claims,

25 characterized in that it contains between 0.02 and 3 weight-% of the monocarboxylic acid or alkali-, ammonium- or amino-salts of said acid, calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

5. A cooling fluid according to claim 4,

30 characterized in that it contains between 0.02 and 3 weight-% of the dicarboxylic acid or alkali-, ammonium- or amino-salts of said acid, calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

6. A cooling fluid according to claim 4 and 5,

characterized in that it contains between 0.02 and 2 weight-% triazole calculated on the total weight of the cooling fluid.

7. A cooling fluid according to any one of any of the preceding claims, characterized in that said monocarboxylic acid is an aliphatic C_5 - C_{16} monocarboxylic acid, preferably selected from the group of octanoic acid, nonanoic acid, decanoic acid, undecanoic acid or dodecanoic acid, 2-ethyl hexanoic acid and neodecanoic acid.

5 acid.

8. A cooling fluid according to any one or any of the preceding claims, characterized in that said dicarboxylic acid is a C₈-C₁₂ aliphatic dicarboxylic acid selected from the group of suberic acid, azealic acid, sebamic acid, undecanoic di-acid, dodecanoic di-acid and the di-acid of di-cyclopentadienylide.

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9. A cooling fluid according to any one or any of the preceding claims, characterized in that said dicarboxylic acid is a C₈-C₁₂ aromatic dicarboxylic acid, preferably terephthalic acid.

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10. A cooling fluid according to any one or any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the triazole is tolyoltriazole or benzotriazole.

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